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Afghan mission: $18.1B

Canada's Afghanistan mission has cost much more than publicly stated, a government report estimated yesterday, but Prime Minister Stephen Harper pledged troops will stay until 2011 no matter who wins Tuesday's election.

The mission has already cost up to $10.5 billion and the price could hit $18.1 billion if troops stay in Afghanistan as long as now planned, the Office of the Parliamentary Budget Officer estimated.

Canada has 2,500 troops in Afghanistan in a combat mission in the violent Kandahar region.

The Conservative government has publicly estimated the war's cost so far at $8 billion, but Parliamentary Budget Officer Kevin Page said he does not know how that figure was calculated and that Canadians have never received a detailed picture of what they are paying.

Harper, who campaigned in Richmond yesterday, said Canada would spend as much as needed to keep its military and aid efforts in Afghanistan safe.

"We are doing important work there ... it's a commitment we took when we invaded that country," Harper said. "We're not hiding the fact that these things are expensive."

Page said the $18 billion figure was only "incremental costs" so it did not include money the military would have spent even if it was not in Afghanistan. REUTERS

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War costs

- $18.1 billion: Maximum estimated cost to Canada of the war in Afghanistan by 2011.
- $1,500: Cost per Canadian household of the war.
- $529,045: Maximum average annual cost per deployed Canadian soldier.
- $350,000: Average annual cost per deployed U.S. soldier in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- 97: Number of Canadian soldiers killed in Afghanistan.

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Student-teacher relationship probed

ST. THOMAS MOORE Burnaby RCMP are investigating a report of a possible sexual relationship between a female teacher and male student at St. Thomas Moore Collegiate.

Mounties, who were contacted by the principal of the independent Catholic school on Sept. 26, said the investigation is in its primary stages.

RCMP are not releasing the ages of those involved, nor the dates when the alleged incident took place. JEFF HODSON/METRO VANCOUVER

Sweet start

Flames snuffed

NICK PUDLE/GETTY IMAGES

Alexandre Burrows celebrates his first goal of the regular season in a game against the Calgary Flames at GM Place last night. The Canucks won 6-0. More coverage, page 11.

Canucks pay tribute to Luc Bourdon

WALL OF DREAMS The Vancouver Canucks handed out more than 18,000 silver pins to fans at last night's game versus the Calgary Flames as a tribute to late defenceman Luc Bourdon.

The 21-year-old was killed in a motorcycle accident near his hometown of Shippagan, N.B.

The pins bear the initials LB and were worn by all event and full-time staff as well as coaches and staff from both teams and broadcasters.

The night also included a video tribute, a moment of silence and a Luc Bourdon Wall of Dreams.

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Metro will not be publishing on Thanksgiving. The next edition will appear Tuesday.

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Layton burger a hit

Jack Layton is a popular candidate with Burger Heaven-goers, according to an unofficial poll of candidate-themed sandwiches dreamed up by the New Westminster fast food joint. Fifty-four per cent of its patrons were hungry for Layton, while 28 per cent chose Harper. Dion captivated only six per cent of Burger Heaven's customers. METRO VANCOUVER

Local

Ride the Ghost Train, if you dare

Pirate ghosts have risen from their watery graves and are on the hunt for their long lost treasures in Stanley Park. Revellers aboard the Ghost Train can catch a glimpse of shipwrecks, sword fights and dead pirates if they dare. The yearly tradition begins tonight at the Stanley Park Miniature Railway. For tickets, visit ticketmaster.ca. METRO VANCOUVER

Canucks honour Bourdon

Team, fans remember player killed in motorcycle crash

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The Vancouver Canucks began their season last night by saying goodbye to one of their own.

The team paid tribute to defenceman Luc Bourdon, 21, who died in May when he lost control of his motorcycle and crashed into a tractor-trailer near his hometown of Shippagan, N.B.

His girlfriend, Charlene Ward, said the past several days have been hard because all her memories of Vancouver included Bourdon.

"When I came, we would go out on the streets and people would point at him," Ward said. "He would be recognized everywhere."

The Canucks played a video of Bourdon's life and career and held a moment of silence. Fans at the game were given commemorative silver pins and players wore a memorial sticker on their helmets. Singer Tom Cochrane also sang a tribute to Bourdon before the game.

"I can't even look at pictures or see video," Ward said. "I just can't tell you how I'm going to react nor can I tell you how I'm going to feel, but I know it's going to be really, really hard.

"I'm glad they're doing this, and I want to be here for Luc."

Earlier in the day, the Canucks unveiled the Luc Bourdon Wall of Dreams in the concourse outside Section 109. A photo of Bourdon holding the puck from his first NHL goal dominates the wall. Other photos show Canucks with minor hockey players.

Underneath the photo are pucks from teams Bourdon played for, including Team Canada, with whom he won gold twice at the World Junior Championships.

RAFE ARNOTT/METRO VANCOUVER

Suzanne Boucher, mother of late Canuck Luc Bourdon, attends a ceremony to honour the defenceman at GM Place yesterday.

Generosity

- Bourdon anonymously donated $10,000 to minor hockey in his hometown of Shippagan to help underprivileged kids play hockey.

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Downtown Eastsiders submit 4,000 photos

MARIA COOTAUCO
for Metro Vancouver

CONTEST When Paula Potter looks at Kelly Rao, the receptionist at Balmoral Hotel in the Downtown Eastside she sees a "really good character" and ears that remind her of an elf.

She snapped a picture of him peeking through the scratched partition and yesterday received an honourable mention for her work at the Sixth Annual Hope in Shadows contest.

"I just took this photo out of fun," Potter said. "I like Kelly because he's always smiling."

Hope In Shadows releases a calendar every year of photos taken in the Downtown Eastside by those who know it best — its residents.

"A lot of us have gifts to give to the world, if you give us a chance."
Paula Potter

Paula Potter, 47, holds up her honourable mention-winning photo in the Hope In Shadows contest.

"A lot of us have gifts to give to the world, if you give us a chance," she said.

The organization handed out 200 cameras in June and waded through more than 4,000 images to choose winners. The winner, Valerie Fielding, won $500 for a photograph of her friend and a young boy.

B.C. labour board denies firm laid off workers to avoid union

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FARM The vice-chair of B.C.'s Labour Relations Board has dismissed union complaints that 14 migrant farm labourers were laid off and returned to Mexico to prevent them from organizing.

Beverley Burns, in a ruling yesterday, wrote that Floralia Plant Growers of Abbotsford did not base its decision to lay off the 14 migrant employees because an union-organization campaign was underway.

Burns found the company was unaware of the campaign and laid off the workers because rain had rotted much of the harvest, reducing the need for workers.

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Watch as two puppy mill raids in Quebec have activists calling for action at metronews.ca/canada
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News in brief

RESTAURANT The Opus Hotel in Yaletown is looking to add an open-air restaurant and has applied for construction approval with Yaletown. If built, the hotel's new restaurant will accommodate 200 diners.

PUPPY Cody Wellard, 31, the man accused of killing a young cancer survivor's puppy on Quadra Island, was scheduled to appear in provincial court in Campbell River yesterday. Wellard is charged with killing an animal and careless use of a firearm.

AWARD Provincial New Democrat Leader Carole James and Tsawwassen Chief Kim Baird received the Aboriginal Women in Leadership Distinction Award last night in Richmond. The distinction awards recognize First Nations, Metis and Inuit women who are leaders or role models.

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Tories in tough: Harper

Prime Minister Stephen Harper, battered over his response to the worldwide financial crisis, acknowledged yesterday during a campaign stop in Richmond that he could lose Tuesday's election.

"I've said from the outset that I believe this is a close election that can go any way," a somewhat subdued Harper said.

Until the global problems struck, polls showed the governing Conservatives would retain power and stood a good chance of turning their parliamentary minority into a majority.

Polls show the Tories between four and 11 percentage points ahead of the Liberals. REUTERS

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper greets supporters in Richmond.

Tuition up 2.4% in B.C.

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INCREASE British Columbia undergraduates paid 2.4 per cent more for tuition this school year compared to last, according to data released by Statistics Canada yesterday.

Average tuition here went up to $5,040 from $4,922, the study University Tuition Fees found.

The biggest tuition jump was in Quebec, where fees went up 5.4 per cent to $2,167. Despite the increase, students there still pay the least.

Meanwhile, Nova Scotia was the only province that saw a decline, at 2.9 per cent, yet undergrads there foot the largest bill at $5,932.

averages

- Tuition has increased annually on average of 4.4 per cent in the past 10 years.

Teens offered chance to carry torch

OLYMPICS British Columbia teenagers were given extra incentive to get fit yesterday with the launch of an exercise program unveiled in Vancouver offering the chance to carry the 2010 Olympic Torch.

The national active-living program, SOGO Active, which is being funded by Coca-Cola, will give 1,000 participants spots as torchbearers during the cross-Canada relay.

"We hope to use the unique power of the Olympic Games to inspire the nation to get active," said Nicola Kettlitz, GM Olympic Project Team, Coca-Cola Canada.

The program gives young Canadians the tools to design, change and control their own traditional and non-traditional fitness plan.

Participants will be selected from November 2008 to June 2009 in a random draw. KRISTEN THOMPSON/ METRO VANCOUVER

Spousal abuse low in B.C.: StatsCan

REPORT British Columbia has one of the lowest incidents of spousal violence in the country, according to a study released yesterday by Statistics Canada.

The report, Family Violence: Spousal Violence In Canada, found there were 1,383 reports of spousal violence in B.C. in 2006, which accounted for eight per cent of violent assaults.

Those numbers were the same in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

Reports of spousal violence were most prevalent in Nunavut and Quebec, where 20 per cent of all reported violent incidents were spousal assault.

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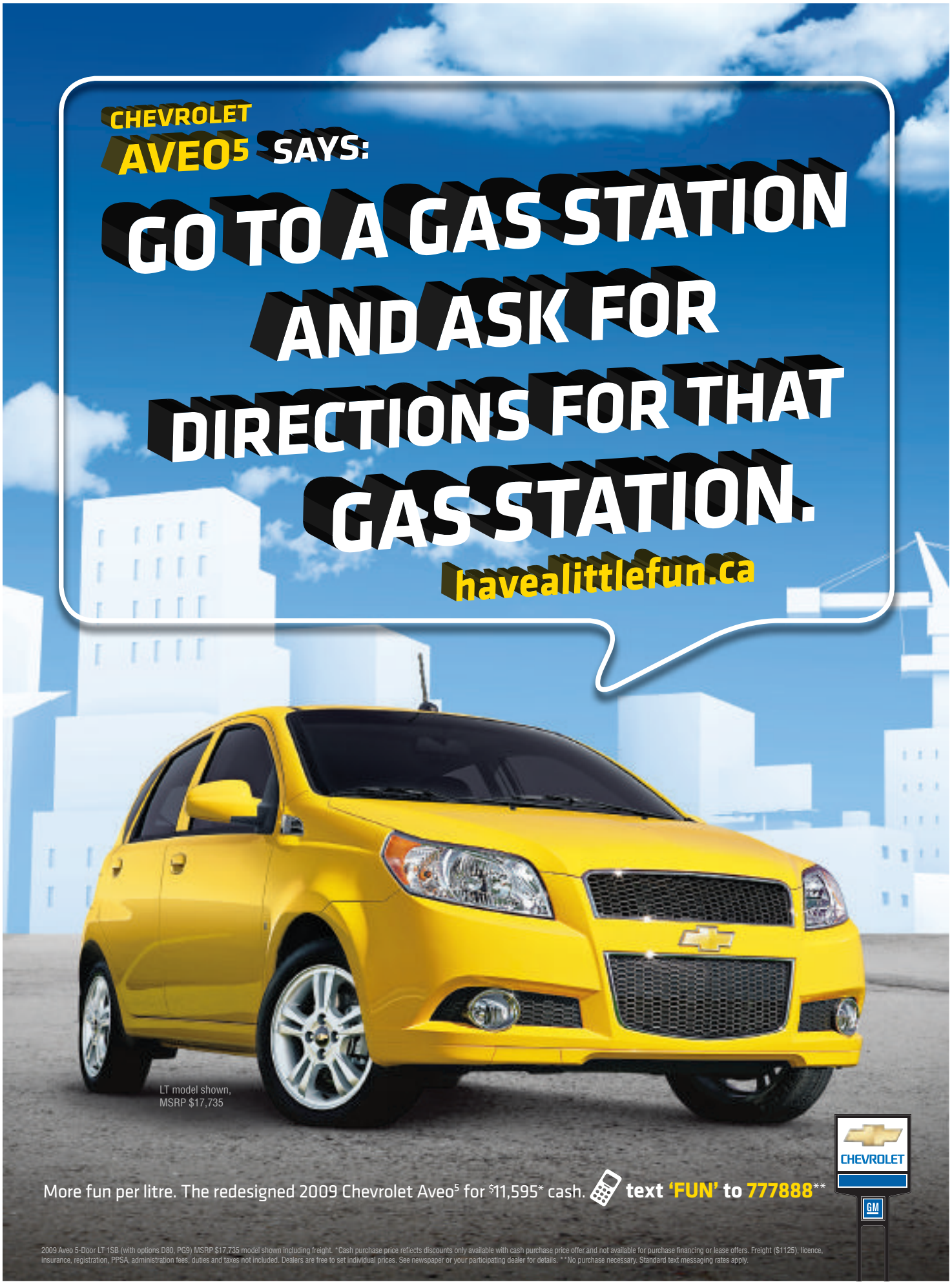
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Manager ordered to pay RBC $1.5M

The Supreme Court reinstated a $1.5-million award against Don Delamont, a manager who left RBC Dominion Securities in Cranbrook, B.C., without warning in 2000 to join an office of Merrill Lynch Canada. The award is what the Cranbrook RBC office expected Delamont to have earned it over five years. REUTERS

Canada

Harper's Etobicoke home

Jane and Larry Corke's home, left, on Princess Anne Crescent in Etobicoke, Ont., happens to be the house in which Prime Minister Stephen Harper spent his adolescence. The house has brought the family some interesting times, including finding a graduation photo of the prime minister (returned to Harper's parents) and a visit from the PM himself. "I'd say he was almost shy," Jane says. "Pleasantly so." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ottawa **High profile help**

TRACEY TONG/METRO CANADA

Former Prime Minister Paul Martin, left, and Liberal candidate for Ottawa West-Nepean David Pratt, centre, greet a young shopper at an Ottawa mall yesterday. As the election draws nigh, several federal candidates in Ottawa recruited some high-profile help for their campaigns yesterday.

New listeria findings no surprise, CEO says

Four new cases found in Toronto Maple Leaf plant

Maple Leaf Foods Inc. CEO Michael McCain said yesterday it was not surprising to find listeria bacteria lingering in a Toronto Maple Leaf meat plant whose products have been linked to at least 20 deaths in a food-poisoning outbreak.

"Listeria exists in 100 per cent of all (meat) plants, and it is impossible to eliminate it," McCain told reporters, noting the company sanitizes its plants for six to eight hours a day to reduce the risk of the bacteria contaminating food at levels high enough to cause illness or death.

"Listeria exists in 100 per cent of all (meat) plants."
Michael McCain, CEO

Maple Leaf, one of Canada's largest meat processors, and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency announced late Wednesday that four samples of meat products at the plant had tested positive for the bacteria. REUTERS

News in brief

FATALITY A Regina man who police said was wielding an axe has died in hospital from an apparent cardiac arrest after he was subdued using pepper spray, CBC News Online reports.

NOVA SCOTIA A wing of an aircraft found near Joggins, N.S., several weeks ago is the last remnant of a bizarre crash. In October 1976, a U.S. registered Cessna was found near Joggins, with clothes inside, but no pilot. Later, a hunter found a skull nearby, and investigators concluded the pilot had stripped off his clothes and lept from the plane. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Crash claims pilot, military photographer

EXERCISE The pilot and military photographer aboard a CT-114 Tutor are dead after their plane crashed just outside of Moose Jaw, Sask., yesterday afternoon.

The plane crashed two kilometres northwest of the 15 Wing Base, where it was stationed and reportedly conducting a training exercise.

Both of the dead are Canadian, though the names were not released by press time.

The crash is under investigation.

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Scientists urge action

An open letter signed by 85 Canadian scientists yesterday urges politicians to end what they see as the "politicization" and "mistreatment" of science. The scientists represent various fields, including health, environment and technology. CBC NEWS ONLINE

Election 2008

News in brief

LIBERALS With the election only a few days away, Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion is stepping up his appeal to NDP and Green party supporters to switch to the Liberals to block the Conservatives. "Canadians know that Jack Layton will not be elected prime minister on Oct. 14," he said of the NDP leader yesterday. "A vote for Jack Layton will save only one job, and that is Stephen Harper's."

GREENS Despite a declaration by Green party Leader Elizabeth May earlier in the campaign that she had no deal to throw support behind the Liberals on the final stretch, two Quebec Green candidates yesterday asked their supporters to back their Liberal competitors.

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TARA WALTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Trinity Thibeault, 5, daughter of Sudbury, Ont., NDP candidate Glenn Thibeault, keeps a close eye on NDP Leader Jack Layton yesterday as he speaks at Sudbury's Science North.

Layton sees momentum

NDP Stalled in the polls with the surging Liberals siphoning off support, NDP Leader Jack Layton refuses to accept his third-place party isn't poised to win new seats across the country.

"Everywhere I go I see NDP momentum," Layton, who has been criss-crossing the country, meeting mainly with party supporters, said yesterday.

"Everywhere we've gone the crowds are keen and enthusiastic and they are charging out to talk to other voters. I've got to tell you, as far as I can tell, as the skipper of this particular ship, there is a lot of wind in our sails."

The New Democrats went into the election campaign with high hopes of adding many seats to the 30 they already have in the House of Commons, but the polls shows potential votes are drifting to the Liberals. Even now, with just four days left, Layton refuses to give up on his opening line that he is running to be prime minister.

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Election Tour Canada

Highlights of the week's election campaign from Metro newsrooms across the nation

VANCOUVER

It was revealed this week that three B.C. federal candidates have declared bankruptcy in the past — one Conservative, one Liberal and one Green. While Canada's next ruling party won't be decided until Tuesday, Tory Lorne Mayencourt, Liberal Dan Olson and Green candidate Doug Perry will likely never be named finance minister.

CALGARY

Calgary followed a national trend with more than 4,000 fewer people showing up to advance polls than the 2006 election. Protesters gathered in front of Calgary city hall Monday, decrying a lack of arts and culture support from Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his Conservative party. And former Calgary Northeast MP Art Hanger expressed dismay over the unravelling scrap between independent conservative candidate Roger Richard and official Conservative candidate Devinder Shory, guaranteeing a vote-splitting situation.

EDMONTON

Alberta and its vilified oilsands gained some new friends on the federal campaign trial this week: Jack Layton and Elizabeth May. Both left-leaning party leaders made conciliatory advances toward Alberta and its dirty oil. Layton said he would leave alone existing plants in the oil region and concentrate on balanced, step-by-step growth of the resource in the future. May said despite her call for a moratorium on oilsands development she would not seek to immediately shut down existing plants.

HALIFAX

Well, here's a shocker: Teens don't like negative campaigns any more than the rest of us. This week, high school students told Metro that Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion and Conservative PM Stephen Harper seemed "immature" during the leaders' debate because all they did was insult each other. Anybody listening? Let's hope so.

4 days remain until the 2008 Canadian federal election

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Worldly French novelist wins Nobel Prize

French author Jean-Marie Gustave Le Clezio, a globe-trotting novelist hailed as a child of all continents, won the Nobel Prize for literature yesterday. The 68-year-old was honoured with the $1.4 million US prize for his adventurous novels, essays and children's books. REUTERS

World/Business

China pushes U.S. for accused terror suspects

GUANTANAMO China yesterday pressed the United States to hand over 17 Chinese Muslims held at Guantanamo, describing the men as terror suspects.

The 17 have been held at the military prison on a U.S.-controlled part of Cuba since being captured during the U.S.-led campaign in Afghanistan in 2001. They are now caught in a tug-of-war between the Bush administration, U.S. courts and Beijing.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang said the men were members of a UN-listed group accused of terrorism. The U.S. has said it cannot return the men because they would face persecution. REUTERS

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U.S., Taliban could reconcile

The United States would be prepared to reconcile with the Taliban if the Afghan government pursued talks to end the war, U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates said yesterday.

But he said Washington would not consider any negotiations with al Qaeda.

Gates said reconciliation would be the political end to the conflict, but it must happen on the Afghan government's terms and the Taliban must commit to subject itself to the sovereignty of the government.

"There has to be ultimately, and I'll underscore ultimately, reconciliation as part of a political outcome to this," Gates said.

"That's ultimately the exit strategy for all of us."

But Gates said reconciliation efforts could not include anyone belonging to al Qaeda, the group that had claimed responsibility for the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks and the target of U.S. counterterrorism efforts around the world. REUTERS

Peace talks

• NATO commanders and diplomats have said for some time that negotiations with the militants will be needed.

Sierra Leone **Paradise lost**

KATRINA MANSON/ REUTERS

Hariet Turay, 35, stands in front of what remains of her Harris Beach Bar and Restaurant in Freetown Wednesday. The Ministry of Tourism and Culture says the beach bars are unsafe and an eyesore. Demolition teams wielding axes and machetes this week smashed up popular establishments.

Business

Credit tightening

Whether you're a small business person or someone looking to buy a car or a home, it's getting harder to get credit in Canada.

Toronto mortgage broker Ranjit Dhaliwal says credit is "most definitely" tightening, noting he's turning down many prospective home buyers because they don't qualify for a mortgage. He's also seen a 50 per increase in defaults in the last three months.

Small business owners are also bracing for tough times. Bank of Montreal has "tweaked" its lending plans, particularly in "high-risk" sectors, one employee said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Sure-bet banks

Canada has the world's soundest banking system, followed by Sweden, Luxembourg, Australia, and Denmark, according to a survey of 134 countries by the World Economic Forum. REUTERS

Outrage over banks' partial cut

RATE CUT The move by banks to pass along to consumers only half of the Bank of Canada's half-point interest rate cut to 4.5 per cent amounts to a "callous cash grab," the Consumers' Association said yesterday, after it received more than 100 calls from angry Canadians. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

In brief

OIL Suncor Energy Inc. has finished repairs to its Fort McMurray, Alta. oilsands upgrader. The downtime has cut light synthetic oil output and created a shortage in diesel fuel.

AUTOS The global auto market may "outright collapse" in 2009 under slower sales, credit market restructuring, fewer leasing options and declining vehicle equity, J.D. Power said. REUTERS

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The Philadelphia Flyers placed defencemen Derian Hatcher and Ryan Parent on the injured reserve list yesterday. Hatcher is out indefinitely with a right knee injury that could possibly end the 36-year-old's career. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Winslow misses practice

Cleveland Browns starting tight end Kellen Winslow, left, missed yesterday's practice with an undisclosed illness. The Browns, coming off a bye, are unsure of Winslow's availability for Monday night's tilt against the New York Giants. The Miami-Florida product has recorded 19 receptions for 170 yards and a touchdown thus far for 1-3 Cleveland. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Canucks ice Flames in opener

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THE SKINNY: Alex Burrows scored twice and Roberto Luongo stopped all 25 shots he faced in his first game as captain, as the Canucks routed the Flames in the season opener for both clubs. Daniel Sedin chalked up three assists.

THE QUOTE: "I'd say slim to none." Alex Burrows when asked about his chances of winning the NHL scoring title this year.

THE UNUSUAL: Cosmetic surgery for Ryan Kesler. Kesler took an unintentional stick to the face on his first shift of the season, and then took a skate to nearly the same area one period later.

THE TRIBUTE: Fans were respectful yet very vocal during a pre-game ceremony to honour the late Luc Bourdon. Bourdon's mother and girlfriend were presented with his final game jersey on the ice before the game.

THE RATING: Though a rout on the scoreboard, the electricity in the building and numerous physical confrontations warrant a 3.5 for the unbiased.
out of five pucks

THE NEXT GAME: The Canucks are off to Calgary for a Saturday night rematch with the Flames.

ANDY CLARK/REUTERS

The Calgary Flames Miikka Kiprusoff watches helplessly as the puck floats by him and lands in the back of his net on a shot by Vancouver's Henrik Sedin, left, during their game at General Motors Place last night.

Whitecaps set for USL title match

SOCCER The Vancouver Whitecaps FC host the Puerto Rico Islanders in the United Soccer Leagues First Division Championship Final on Sunday afternoon in Burnaby.

It's the first championship match involving two clubs based outside of the United States.

A win would be the Whitecaps second USL-1 title in three seasons.

The Whitecaps defeated the Montreal Impact 2-1 on aggregate in last weekend's playoff to reach the finals.

While the Whitecaps are winless against Puerto Rico in more than two years, they have never lost to the Islanders at Swangard stadium. The match starts at 4 p.m.

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Dallas expects Jones to play

The Dallas Cowboys won't discipline cornerback Adam Jones after he was involved in an altercation with a personal security guard at a Dallas hotel early Wednesday morning. Cowboys head coach Wade Phillips said yesterday he expects Jones to play Sunday when Dallas visits Arizona. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Woman might join GM ranks

YorkReport

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A 39-year-old woman ranks as the leading candidate to become the new general manager of the Seattle Mariners.

Kim Ng, assistant GM of the Los Angeles Dodgers, would make major history if she is indeed hired. No woman has run an MLB club before, but the word on Ng around the big leagues is that she is irrefutably qualified. She served in the front office of the Chicago White Sox before being appointed assistant GM of the New York Yankees in 1997. She also worked at AL headquarters in New York.

She joined the Dodgers in 2001 and became the top lieutenant of GM Ned Colletti in 2005.

"I'd hate to lose her," Colletti told me, "but it would be unfair to even try to hold her back. She'll be an outstanding GM, I'm sure. The time has come for a woman to join the fraternity."

While the Dodgers confront the Philadelphia Phillies in the NL Championship Series this week, Ng will be meeting Seattle chiefs about their vacant position.

Among the other Mariners candidates, by the way, is Tony LaCava, assistant GM of the Blue Jays.

"But, as far as his chances in Seattle, Tony isn't even in the same ballpark as Kim is," an MLB source told me. "The only way Kim doesn't get this job is if she comes across foolishly in her interviews, and there's no way that'll happen because she's extremely sharp."

• Ng, incidentally, wouldn't be the first female GM in major professional sports.

That is, if you count the CFL as a major professional sport.

In 1989, Jo-Anne Polak was hired as the GM of the CFL franchise that used to be in Ottawa.

Speaking of the CFL, please visit metronews.ca/cflreport for my latest picks and nuggets on the league.

• And, speaking of baseball GMs, the Tampa Bay Rays' Andrew Friedman is a shoo-in as MLB's top executive this season.

The Rays opened their schedule with the second-lowest payroll ($43.8-million US) in the big leagues, and here they are, facing the Boston Red Sox in the ALCS.

Friedman, 31, is quite the story. He's a former investment analyst who thinks economically first but simultaneously leans on his experienced aides, including former Houston Astros GM Gerry Hunsicker, for their baseball acumen.

Friedman signed Carlos Pena and Eric Hinske, who combined for 51 home runs this season, to puny minor-league contracts before giving them respectable raises.

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MLB Phillies power to victory

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Philadelphia Phillies Pat Burrell hits a solo home run during last night's NLCS playoff game. The Phillies beat the L.A. Dodgers 3-2.

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MLB

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Tampa Bay vs. Boston
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Philadelphia vs. L.A. Dodgers
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LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS
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WEEK 16
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NFL

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New superhero?
Canadian actor Ryan Gosling is rumoured to be joining the band of superhero actors as he is hotly tipped to be taking on the role of the Green Lantern in a new movie. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Movies&Entertainment

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Movies

Leo gets political

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Leonardo DiCaprio continues to impress with solid performances in socially conscious projects, much like he does in Ridley Scott's Body of Lies. In it, DiCaprio plays a CIA field agent who is tracking down a terrorist leader in the Middle East.

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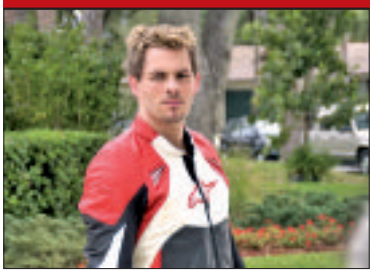

James Marsden steals the show outright in Sex Drive.

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Alt-rockers Weezer still enjoy a good hootenanny.

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DIRECTIONS: 1) PREHEAT oven to 350°F. Combine dressing, broccoli, peppers, Parmesan cheese and 1/2 cup of the mozzarella cheese. 2) SPREAD into 1-L baking dish or 9-inch pie plate. 3) BAKE 20 to 25 min. Sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup mozzarella cheese. Bake an additional 5 min. 4) BRACE yourself for unique flavour.

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'Body' a decent actioner

Body of **Lies**

Director: Ridley Scott
Stars: Leonardo DiCaprio, Russell Crowe
Classification: 18A
Rating: ●●●

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Russell Crowe and Leonardo DiCaprio star in Body of Lies.

Just like the recent thriller Eagle Eye, Body of Lies is banking on the notion that, through technology, an unseen power can control our every move.

In the case of director Ridley Scott's latest film, that omnipotent surveillance is set in the Middle East where CIA field agent Roger Ferris (Leonardo DiCaprio) is not only tracking down an Osama bin Laden-like terrorist leader, but he's doing so under the guidance of stay-at-home chief Ed Hoffman (Russell Crowe).

Observing Ferris' moves from the eyes of unmanned spy drones, Hoffman calls the shots over a Bluetooth in America while watching his kids play soccer. For Ferris, this disconnect is the perfect example of the problems in the Middle East: If those directing the War on Terror cannot relate to the situation on the ground, how can they solve the quandary there? I suppose that's the political expression of the film, although three-time Oscar nominee Scott (Gladiator) compromises too much for the sake of the action to really hammer that message home.

Instead, he creates a decent actioner, led mainly by DiCaprio who continues to impress with solid performances in socially-conscious projects.

As for Crowe — who reportedly gained more than 20 kilograms to play the pudgy puppetmaster — well, there's only so much you can emote when you're just pretending to be on the phone all the time.

Although entertaining enough, Body of Lies — like its cinematic brethren Eagle Eye — carries little legitimacy as an accurate lesson in real world politics.

Ultimately, that may not matter to moviegoers; as we've seen with most political dramas recently, the unseen power this movie cannot control is whether or not audiences will bite.

Can sports movies not be formulaic?

RICK MCGINNIS
Metro Canada

The **Express**

Director: Gary Fleder
Stars: Rob Brown, Dennis Quaid
Classification: PG
Rating: ●●●

REVIEW Like Ken Burns documentaries, sports movies have become a place where Americans try to talk about race with a regretful glance backwards and an optimistic one forward — if only we could say the same thing about election campaigns.

It's also a movie genre that has become as codified and predictable as horror films. Like so many of its predecessors, Gary Fleder's The Express is based on a true story, sets up its protagonist, his allies and antagonists with ritual care, features a few game sequences heavy on the careening, quick-cut camera work, and ends with the customary series of end titles to let us know what happened after the credits roll.

It's the story of Ernie Davis, the first African-American winner of the Heisman Trophy, back when everything blacks did — in music or films or sports — became part of the public face of the civil rights struggles of the late '50s and early '60s.

Rob Brown plays Davis as a natural talent with a moral compass, increasingly motivated to use his talent to represent and encourage the aspirations of young blacks, and Fleder doesn't get in the way of letting this become the film's engine. Dennis Quaid plays the coach of the Syracuse Orangemen, a white man willing to overlook colour if it helps him win games, but unwilling to push too hard against the dangerously unstable racial edifices inside and outside the game.

There's nothing new happening in The Express that challenges sports film convention, and more than enough high-minded sentiment to make watching the film feel like a virtuous act, though we might have reached a point where we're exhausting the ability of a previous generation's struggle to give us the illusion and comfort of noble purpose today.

Rob Brown and Dennis Quaid star in The Express.

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What Marsden's Driving for

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Josh Zuckerman, star of the new raucous teen comedy Sex Drive admits his favorite gags in the film are "anything to do with James Marsden."

In a wild movie that's filled with scenes including a rowdy Amish keg party and a showdown with police while wearing a donut costume, Zuckerman's endorsement shows how far Marsden has come as a comic actor since rising to fame as a serious superhero in the X-Men franchise.

Indeed, while Marsden has been lighting up such lighter fare as Hairspray recently, Sex Drive — in theatres next Friday — marks the first film where he steals the show outright.

"I was sure hoping I would be (funny)," admits Marsden during a recent interview in Los Angeles.

"It was kind of a leap of faith. Like you go, 'Either this is going to be a career-ender or people are going to really like it and find it funny.'"

In the movie, Marsden plays Rex, the taunting and cocky brother to Zuckerman's Ian — a young virgin who sets out on a road trip in order to meet a sexy sure thing he met on the Internet. A modern twist on the teen comedies of the '80s, it's perhaps no surprise that Marsden's character is one of the most obnoxious jerks on film since Bill Paxton offered Anthony Michael Hall a "greasy pork sandwich served in a dirty ashtray!" in John Hughes' Weird Science.

James Marsden stars in Sex Drive.

"In the teenage years, everybody feels like they're the anomaly, like they're the freak," says Marsden of the teen comedy genre's broad appeal.

"I certainly felt that way so all movies like this sort of got (me) through it. Vicariously through John Hughes, I was getting some action."

While Marsden has been receiving accolades for the fearlessness of playing a jerk, he insists that it's harder work acting in more sobering projects like his next film, a psychological thriller called The Box.

"If I were to do live comedy and stuff like that, that would be tough but this, you have a big old safety net," says Marsden. "You can mess up and not be funny and know it's going to get cut out of the movie. But I find it more difficult to expect somebody to really take you seriously."

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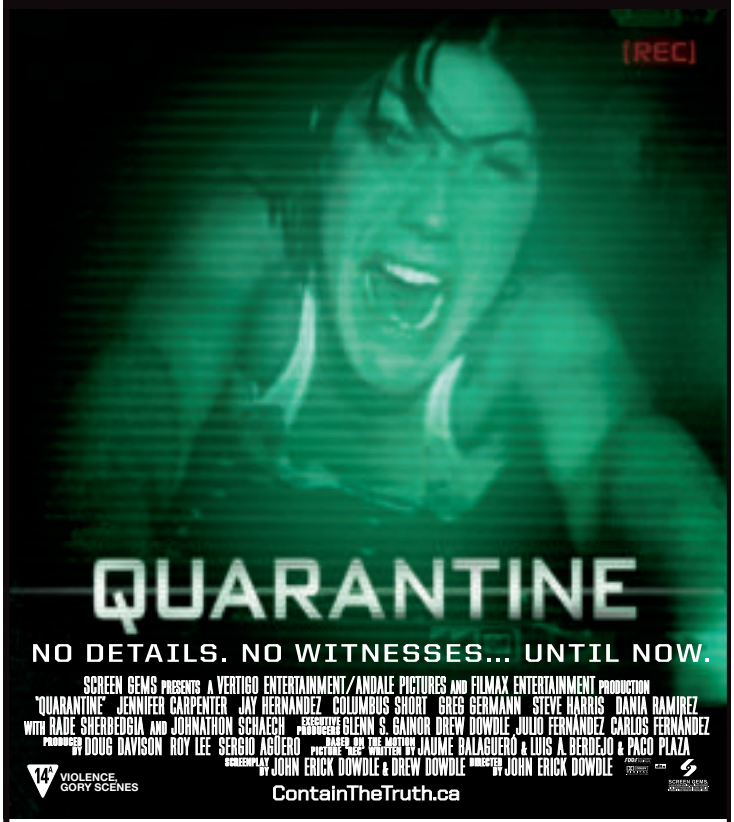

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Bill Murray, centre, stars in City of Ember, which is set in a world where humans live underground.

Treat for kids, parents

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

City of **Ember**

Director: Gail Kenan
Stars: Saoirse Ronan, Bill Murray
Classification: 14A
Rating: ●●●

REVIEW It says a lot about the current state of our planet when two of the biggest family films of recent months have been set in post-apocalyptic worlds where humans have been forced to abandon the planet due to excessive pollution.

Al Gore must be proud.

Granted, City Of Ember isn't as poignant or touching as Pixar's Wall-E, but then few films are.

Based on the novel by Jeanne Duprau, City Of Ember is set in a world where a small community of humans have been living underground for generations, awaiting the day when the planet will be hospitable enough to return to the surface.

Of course, due to corrupt leadership — currently embodied by a potbellied mayor played by Bill Murray — none of the citizens know the master plan. It's up to two children (brilliantly played by Oscar nominated Saoirse Ronan and Harry Treataway) to uncover the mystery and save the city.

The plot is standard children's fantasy/adventure fare elevated by social and political commentary.

Caroline Thompson's script suffers from having to condense a full novel into 90 minutes, but it is still one of the smartest children's screenplays in recent years.

Sophomore director Gil Kenan (Monster House) proves himself to be a major young talent with this movie, infusing it with a directorial style and confidence rarely seen in a filmmaker of such limited experience

Unfortunately. the movie probably won't reach the audience it deserves because it is simply too somber for the family matinee crowd.

While that tone is entirely appropriate for the subject matter, it won't pack theaters with birthday parties or sell happy meals.

That's unfortunate because films this intelligent and well-crafted are rarely produced for kids.

A little extra humor and exposition probably would have helped make this more palatable for the masses, but it's still nice to know that there are some filmmakers out there who refuse to talk down to children.

Coming Together for love

All **Together Now**

Director: Adrian Wills
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●●

JIM REYNO
Metro Canada

Yoko Ono, Paul McCartney and Ringo Star all participated.

REVIEW It not easy walking the "tightrope of taste," as George Martin calls it. The legendary Beatles producer — along with his son, Giles — faced a controversial task: Revisit the band's recordings and create a new soundtrack for a Cirque du Soleil show. "People are going to hate me for this," Giles frets at one point in Adrian Wills' revealing documentary about the creation of Love, Cirque's show based on the Beatles music. The Martins need not have worried. Their reshaping of the world's most beloved pop music garnered raves from critics and fans — and two Grammys. The creation of the soundtrack is just one facet of Love that Wills explores in All Together Now. It's a long (and winding) road. On the way, we get a first-hand look at the stresses and disputes that come from creating a new artistic statement from revered work. You feel like an eavesdropper listening in as Olivia Harrison and Yoko Ono voice their concerns to show director Dominic Champagne. Many of the interviews are memorable — especially those with people directly involved with the Beatles. But perhaps the biggest contribution Wills makes with All Together Now is giving George Martin his due. Anyone who considers the Beatles musical geniuses should place Martin on the same pedestal.

Short screening

- Spare Change, the final animated film by the late Ryan Larkin, will be screened before All Together Now in Vancouver. Larkin was the subject of the Oscar-winning short film Ryan.

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Dinosaurs 3D: Giants of Patagonia (STC) Fri-Thu 1-9

Fly Me to the Moon 3-D (G) Fri-Thu 3-6

Wild Ocean (G) Fri 12-2-8-10 Sat-Sun 12-2-5-8-10 Mon-Thu 12-2-8-10

DUNBAR THEATRE
4555 Dunbar Street, 604-222-2991

Ghost Town (PG) Fri 9:20 Sat-Mon 4:10-9:20 Tue-Thu 9:20

Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri 7 Sat-Mon 1:45-7 Tue-Thu 7

FIFTH AVENUE CINEMAS
2110 Burrard Street, 604-734-7469

Blindness (18A) Fri-Tue 1:40-4:10-7:20-9:45 Wed-Thu 1:40-4:10-9:45

Burn After Reading (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4-7:30-9:40

The Duchess (14A) Fri-Thu 2:10-4:30-7-9:20

Happy-Go-Lucky (STC) A.M. Tue 10

Religulous (PG) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:40-7:10-9:30

Vicky Cristina Barcelona (PG) Fri-Thu 2-4:20-6:50-9

GRANVILLE
855 Granville St., 604-684-4000

Choke (18A) Dolby Stereo Sat-Mon 1:45-4:35-7:05 Dolby Stereo Tue-Thu 7:05

Death Race (18A) Dolby Stereo Tue-Thu 7:10-9:30

Don Quichotte (Ballet) (STC) Digital Presentation, SR Dolby Digital Sun 1

Drona (PG) SR Dolby Digital Sat-Sun 1:25-4:30-7:30 SR Dolby Digital Mon 4:30-7:30 SR Dolby Digital Tue-Thu 7:30

Igor (G) Dolby Stereo Sat-Mon 1:50-4:15

Lakeview Terrace (14A) Dolby Stereo Sat-Thu 9:15

Mamma Mia! SR Dolby Digital Sat-Mon 1:40-4:10-7-9:25 SR Dolby Digital Tue-Thu 7-9:25

Miracle at St. Anna (18A) Dolby Stereo Sat-Mon 1:30-4:50-8:10 Dolby Ster. Tue-Thu 8:10

Righteous Kill (14A) Dolby Stereo Sat-Thu 7:15-9:35

Tropic Thunder (18A) DTS Digital Sat-Mon 1:35-4:25-6:55-9:20 DTS Digit. Tue-Thu 6:55-9:20

HOLLYWOOD THEATRE
3123 W. Broadway, 604-738-3211
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The Incredible Hulk (14A) Fri 9:30 Sat-Sun 3:15-9:30 Mon-Thu 9:30

Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Sat-Sun 1:30

Wanted (18A) Fri-Thu 7:30

OAKRIDGE
650 West 41st Ave., 604-263-1944

Body of Lies (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 7-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Mon 1:30-4:10-7-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital Tue-Thu 7-9:40

Eagle Eye (PG) DTS Digital Fri 7:05-9:35 DTS Digital Sat-Mon 1:50-4:20-7:05-9:35 DTS Digital Tue-Thu 7:05-9:35

Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist (PG) DTS Digital Fri 7:10-9:20 DTS Digit. Sat-Mon 2-4:30-7:10-9:20 DTS Digital Tue-Thu 7:10-9:20

PACIFIC CINÉMATHÈQUE
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Air India 182 (STC) Thu 7:30

Dance in the Rain (STC) Mon 7:30

Guardian of the Frontier (STC) Mon 9:25

Hold Me Tight, Let Me Go (STC) Wed 7:30

Idle Running (STC) Sun 7:30

Vancouver International Film Festival (STC) Fri-Sat

Vesna (STC) Sun 9:15

The Wizard of Oz (STC) Sun 1

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Tell No One (14A) Fri 4-6:50-9:30 Sat-Mon 1-4-6:50-9:30 Tue-Wed 4-6:50-9:30 Thu 4

RIDGE THEATRE
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All Together Now (STC) Fri 4-7-9 Sat-Sun 2-4-7-9 Mon-Wed 4-7-9 Thu 4

Cavalleria rusticana & Pagliacci — Mascagni & Leoncavallo (Opera) (STC) A.M. Sat-Sun 10

Spare Change (STC) Fri-Thu

The Women (PG) Wed 1

RIO ON BROADWAY
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Blindness (18A) Fri 7-9:30 Sat-Sun 4:30-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 7-9:30

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Appaloosa (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:50-7-10:10

Body of Lies (18A) Fri-Thu 1-4:10-7:25-10:25 Fri-Thu 12:25-3:30-6:45-9:55

Burn After Reading (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4-7:15-9:45

The Dark Knight (14A) Fri-Tue 12:15-3:30-6:50-10:15 Wed 12:15-3:30-10:15 Thu 12:15-3:30-6:50-10:15

Ghost Town (PG) Fri-Tue 1:30-4:30-7:20-10 Wed 1:30-4:30-10 Thu 1:30-4:30-7:20-10

Long Way Down (STC) Wed 7

The Metropolitan Opera: Salome (STC) Sat 10

Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:55-5:20-7:50-10:30

Nights in Rodanthe (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:35-7:30-10:05

Religulous (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:40-10:20

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An American Carol (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-3-5:10-7:20-9:35

Beverly Hills Chihuahua (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:35-4:40-7:10-9:30

Blindness (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:45-10:30

City of Ember (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 2:10-4:35-7-9:25

The Duchess (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:50-4:30-7:15-9:50

Eagle Eye (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:30-10:15

The Express (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:05-10:05

Flash of Genius (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 2-4:45-7:40-10:25

How to Lose Friends & Alienate People (14A) No Passes Fri 2:15-4:50-7:25-10 No Passes Sat 2:15-4:50-10 No Passes Sun-Tue 2:15-4:50-7:25-10 No Passes Wed 2:15-4:50-10 No Passes Thu 2:15-4:50-7:25-10

My Best Friend's Girl (18A) No Passes Fri-Tue 2:55-5:25-7:55-10:20 No Passes Wed 2:55-10:20 No Passes Thu 2:55-5:25-7:55-10:20

Quarantine (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:05-3:15-5:30-7:50-10:10

Sex Drive (18A) No Passes Sat 7:30

Vicky Cristina Barcelona (PG) Fri-Thu 1:55-7:35

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Appaloosa (PG) Fri 6:50-9:25 Sat-Sun 1:45-4:15-6:50-9:25 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:25

Body of Lies (18A) No Passes Fri 7:05-9:45 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:40-4:25-7:05-9:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:05-9:45

Burn After Reading (14A) Fri 7:25-9:35 Sat-Sun 2:30-4:40-7:25-9:35 Mon-Thu 7:25-9:35

Eagle Eye (PG) Fri 7:15-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:55-4:30-7:15-9:50 Mon-Thu 7:15-9:50

Quarantine (14A) Fri 7:35-9:40 Sat-Sun 2:20-4:35-7:35-9:40 Mon-Thu 7:35-9:40

Religulous (PG) Fri 6:45-9:10 Sat-Sun 2:05-4:20-6:45-9:10 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:10

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Beverly Hills Chihuahua (G) Fri 7:20-9:50 Sat-Mon 12:10-2:30-5:7:20-9:50 Tue-Thu 7:20-9:50

City of Ember (PG) No Passes Fri 7:10-10 No Passes Sat-Mon 12:50-3:40-7:10-10 No Passes Tue-Thu 7:10-10 Star & Strollers, No Passes Thu 1

The Express (PG) No Passes Fri 6:30-9:30 No Passes Sat-Mon 12-3:10-6:30-9:30 No Passes Tue-Thu 6:30-9:30 Star & Strollers, No Passes Thu 1

Flash of Genius (PG) Fri 6:40 Sat-Mon 12:20-3:20-6:40 Tue-Thu 6:40

Ghost Town (PG) Fri-Thu 9:40

Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri 6:50-9:20 Sat-Mon 12:40-3:30-6:50-9:20 Tue-Thu 6:50-9:20

The Metropolitan Opera: Salome (STC) Sat 10

Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist Fri 7-9:35 Sat-Mon 12:30-3-7-9:35 Tue-Thu 7-9:35

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Body of Lies (18A) Fri 4:15-7:10-9:55 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:15-7:10-9:55 Mon 1:30-4:15-7:10 Tue-Thu 4:15-7:10

Eagle Eye (PG) Fri 4:20-7:9:50 Sat-Sun 1:35-4:20-7-9:50 Mon 1:35-4:20-7 Tue-Thu 4:20-7

Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri 4:25-6:55-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:25-6:55-9:30 Mon 1:40-4:25-6:55 Tue-Thu 4:25-6:55

Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist (PG) Fri 4:35-7:15-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:35-7:15-9:40 Mon 1:50-4:35-7:15 Tue-Thu 4:35-7:15

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Body of Lies Fri-Thu 1:20-4:25-7:30-10:35

Burn After Reading (14A) Fri-Tue 1:25-4:15-6:50-9:50 Wed 1:25-4:15-9:50 Thu 1:25-4:15-6:50-9:50

City of Ember (PG) No Passes Fri 1-4:20-7-9:45 No Passes Sat 1:30-4:20-7-9:45 No Passes Sun-Wed 1-4:20-7-9:45 No Passes Thu 4:20-7-9:45 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1

The Dark Knight (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-4-7:15-10:30

The Duchess Fri-Thu 1:05-3:35-6:35-9:35

Eagle Eye (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:10-7:30-10:25

Eagle Eye: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4-7-9:45

The Express (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:35-3:40-6:45-10

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The Metropolitan Opera: Salome (STC) Sat 10

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Religulous (PG) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:30-7:25-9:55

Sex Drive (18A) Sat 7

Burnaby

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Beverly Hills Chihuahua (G) Fri 7-9 Sat-Sun 1-3-5-7-9 Mon-Thu 7-9

Nights in Rodanthe (PG) Fri 7:15-9:15 Sat-Sun 1:15-3:15-5:15-7:15-9:15 Mon-Thu 7:15-9:15

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Beverly Hills Chihuahua (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15

Body of Lies (18A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:45-7:05-10:15

Burn After Reading (14A) Fri-Tue 12:45-3:10-6:50-9:45 Wed 12:45-3:10-9:45 Thu 12:45-3:10-6:50

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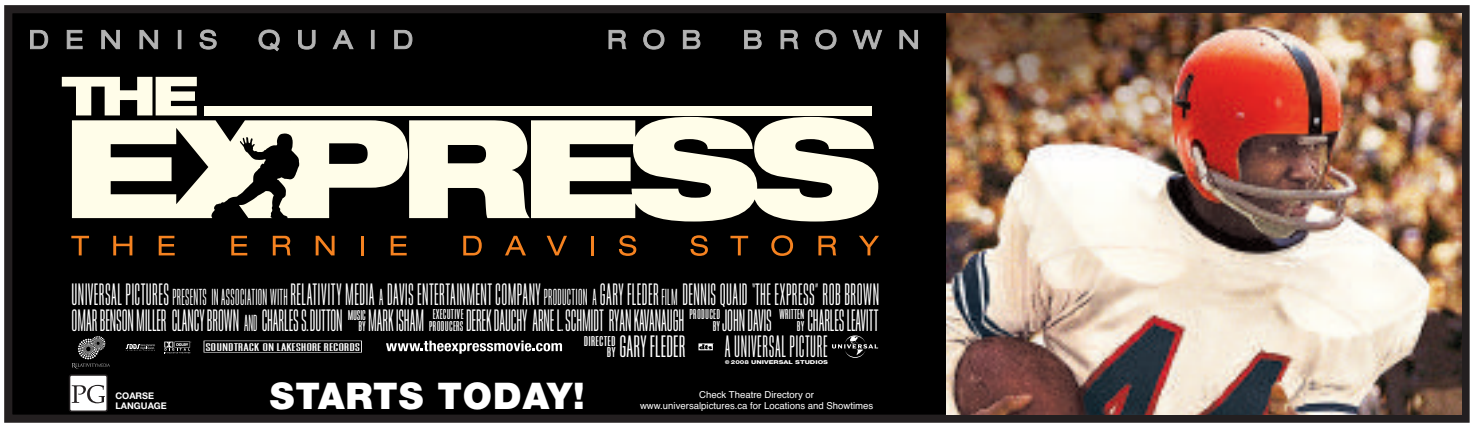
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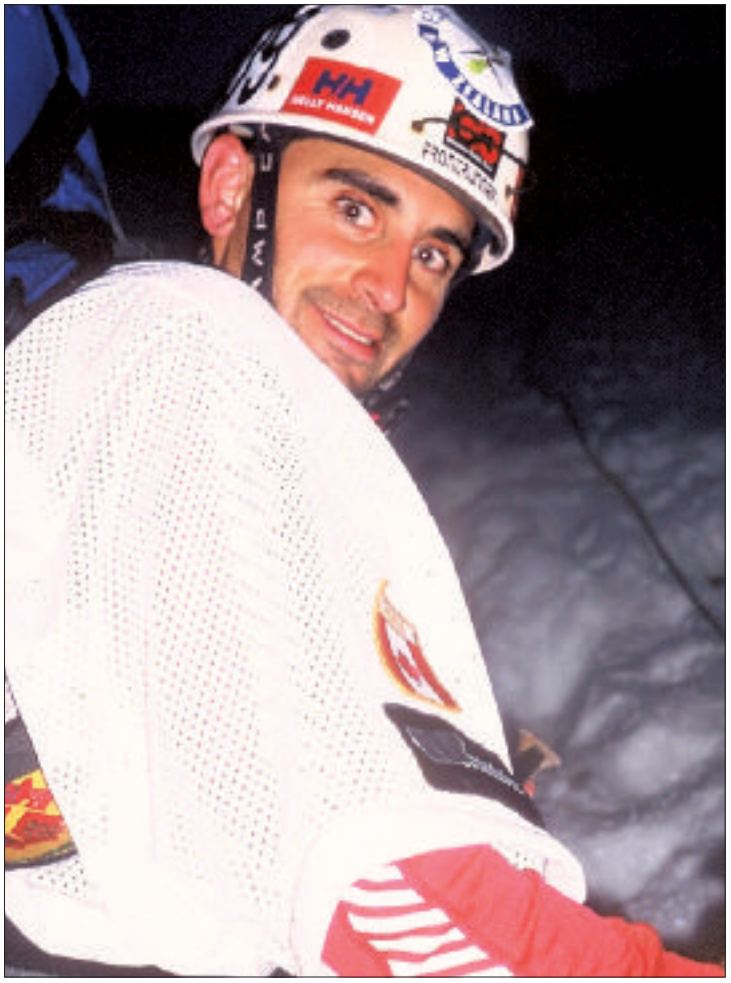

Adventurer Dave Norona climbs in the Snowy Southern Alps of New Zealand. He uses the darker days of fall to get fit for his worldly adventures.

Keeping it up as the leaves drop

WestCoast**Outdoors**

Fall is a beautiful time of the year here in Vancouver, but also a sign that the rains are coming, making it difficult to feel motivated to get outdoors for some exercise.

This is the perfect time of the year to be entertained and enlightened at the 2008 Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival's Fall Speakers Series at Centennial Theater in North Vancouver.

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Another future speaker will be adventurers Robin McKinney, who has been bicycle touring the world since 1985.

John Dunn, a wilderness explorer, photographer and lecturer, specializing in expeditions in the Canadian Arctic, will also speak in the series.

All of these shows will be highly entertaining.,

Plus, they will be fun and inspire you to get outside and tackle your own personal adventures, regardless of the weather. Hope to see you there!

For more information on fall activities and the Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival, check out their website at www.vimff.org.

Gear Guide

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Music

First political sound bites recorded 100 years ago

SoundCheck

Alan Cross

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Watching all the political debates this past week reminded me of a CD I recently acquired on a whim. It's a 22-track release of a presidential debate from — wait for it — 1908.

When Thomas Edison invented the phonograph, the last thing he was interested in was recording music. He envisioned the phonograph as a way to capture the words of great men and their great speeches for all time. In 1908, U.S. Republicans nominated William Howard Taft while the Democrats countered with William Jennings Brian for the third consecutive time.

When they met in a series of debates to discuss issues such as imperialism (Should America stay in the Philippines?), intervention into foreign lands (Are Christian missions any of our business?) and the recent collapse of the American financial system (The Panic of 1907), their addresses were recorded on Edison Talking Machines and distributed on Edison cylinders. In other words, 100 years ago, the media gave us our first political sound bites.

Edison cylinders were fragile things, but given their historical value, examples of the Taft/Jennings debates were preserved. And forgotten. Enter a company from Champaign, Ill., called Archeophone Records. Since 1998, they've been lovingly preserving and reissuing ancient sound recordings on CD.

The Taft/Jennings recordings are fascinating, but Archeophone also has releases that collect songs from the time before microphones, mixing boards and proper studios.

Lost Sounds: Blacks and the Birth of the Recording Industry, 1891-1922 is a window on some of the earliest blues and jazz recordings ever made. Before Radio: Comedy, Drama and Sound Sketches, 1897-1923 offers an idea of the kind of entertainment people would listen to on their Edison machines before anyone even knew what a "radio" was. My favourite is Actionable Offenses: Indecent Phonograph Recordings from the 1890s. If you think today's comedians are out of control, then you need to listen to what as being committed to cylinder more than a century ago.

Archeophone is highly recommended for people who want to how the recording industry began. Go to archeophone.com.

The Ongoing History of New Music can be heard on stations across Canada. Read more at exploremusic.com and ongoinghistory.com

Hootenanny of rock

Fans join Weezer on stage with banjos, harps and nose flutes

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UNIVERSAL MUSIC

Weezer plays GM Place with Angels and Airwaves and Tokyo Police Club tonight.

They might play arenas, but Weezer still enjoy a good skating-rink hootenanny.

The L.A.-based alt-rockers recently invited fans on stage — reflecting their realignment into a more collaborative group of songwriters.

Brian Bell (guitar and backing vocals) explained the recent Hootenanny tour, held in recreation halls and skating rinks, called on hometown talents to play alongside the multi-million-selling four-piece. Fans responded with banjos, didgeridoo, harps, and nose flutes.

Although the energy of percussion-heavy Portland and Seattle's musical refinement made the shows a success, the hootenannies didn't inspire any major shifts in the band's songwriting — despite lead singer-songwriter and guitarist Rivers Cuomo past solicitations for fan input on songs.

"It wasn't like with the Hootenannies, we suddenly thought 'What Weezer really needs right now is an accordion.' We're not eclectic that way," said Bell, laughing. "We still like rock guitars … (and) vocal harmonies — songs that you can play on a acoustic guitar."

However, while Cuomo remains the principal songwriter, the band does collaborate more on 2008's self-titled Red Album. For example, Bell writes songs based on simple melodies — Happy Birthday is the ultimate template — and along with pulling ideas from daily life, gets them from la-la land.

"I sometimes come up with music during dreams and naps. I'll hear music playing, and think 'That's not any music I know,' wake up and write it down," he said. "I once heard this Black Sabbath riff playing and thought it sounded really cool … (but then realized) it's wasn't Black Sabbath (it was a dream)."

At present Bell denied the band is working on a new album, but said that everyone's busy writing— he cranked out three song ideas on his last day off — and turn to one another for constructive criticism.

"I'm amazed that Rivers (Cuomo) was able to write Pork n' Beans because the label told him to write a single for the Red Album," said Bell. "I'm pretty thankful to have someone in the band who can do that — and I'm glad it's not me!"

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Duff joins new campaign
Actress Hilary Duff has joined ThinkB4YouSpeak, a new campaign from the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network designed to discourage use of the phrase "that's so gay" as an all-purpose putdown. **E! NEWS ONLINE**

Television

Election meets comic relief

Rick's TV**Picks**

Election 2008

Stephen Harper

Election Night
On: Oct. 5
Network: various

EVERY CHANNEL will likely be covering this year's polls, though none of them will probably admit that they probably won't have the final tally before they have to give way to late-night syndicated shows and infomercials. If you're not a political junkie or a policy wonk obsessed with the ritual, the only way to make it interesting — there's a drinking game or three in here somewhere — is to compare how each network tried to make the plodding process of exit polls and counting ballots seem like D-Day performed by the cast of Run Lola Run.

Rick Mercer

Rick Mercer's **Election Special**
On: Oct. 14
Network: CBC

RICK MERCER is Canada's Jon Stewart, mostly due to a lack of competition, and like Stewart and Saturday Night Live, he has a civic duty to put on special election programming. Canada's political leaders have always been happy to play along with Mercer and his former colleagues at This Hour Has 22 Minutes, so Mercer's political satire always has a cosiness that's both utterly Canadian and occasionally regrettable.

Kenny Hotz

Testees
Season Premiere: Oct. 14
Network: Showcase

THIS NEW comedy from Kenny Hotz of Kenny Vs. Spenny fame arrives packed with gleeful gross-out humour appropriate to the dayglo pun in its title and the reliable presumption that two men together are infinitely more idiotic than a man alone. Two losers make rent money by selling themselves as drug-testing guinea pigs; the pregnant man joke is dispensed with in the pilot, so it's nowhere to go but up from here. The place to go if you want real comic relief from the night's political coverage.

Kate Moss

Glamour UK's **Best Dressed 2008**
Season Premiere: Oct. 13
Network: Star!

SHOWS LIKE this are the TV equivalent of dusting a corn dog with Splenda — queasy-making and not even remotely good for you, but in the right frame of mind (sarcastic, verging on bilious) there's a sort of vicarious sport to be had in wondering at the get-ups famous people will step out in, and the barbed admiration celebrity news shows will display at their combination of genes, gym time and shamelessness.

Rick McGinnis/Metro Canada

"If you're not a political junkie or a policy wonk obsessed with the ritual (of election night) the only way to make it interesting — there's a drinking game or three in here somewhere."

Port leaves Hills for Big Apple

REALITY TV Whitney Port is running from The Hills — and she's headed to the Big Apple, People.com reports.

But there's no drama here: Port, who interned with Conrad at Teen Vogue and later helped her get a job at People's Revolution, is working her own MTV reality show, called The City, scheduled to air in the beginning of 2009, the network announced yesterday.

The new series will follow Port as she settles into her job working for fashion designer Diane von Furstenberg. And the network promises new faces, new friends and romance.

"I am thrilled and honoured to be in New York City," Port says in a statement. "Not only working for one of the most renowned fashion designers, Diane Von Furstenberg, but to be able to mature as a young woman both professionally and personally."

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Execs already talking new season

IntelleVision

WORKING CLASS HERO: One sure sign that the current TV season has tanked is that network executives are already talking about the next one. Yesterday, the New York Post ran a story anticipating a revival of the near-flatlined sitcom in response to the second coming of the Great Depression that's supposed to be one more defaulted mortgage away.

According to the Post, the ladies and gentlemen in the offices with the view that doesn't look over the repo yard are even taking credit for anticipating the economic downturn months ago, which suggests that SEC might want to take a look at their portfolios for signs of conspicuous shorting of stocks.

"We anticipated that the economic times were not going to be as strong as they once were," said Ben Silverman, the NBC programming wunderkind who spent most of August in Beijing instead of preparing for his network's new season, "and so, after the writers' strike, we consciously began development on a number of shows featuring working-class heroes."

"One thing that is definitely happening is, as the economic crisis has entered the zeitgeist, certain projects become more relevant and others less," said Jennifer Nicholson Salke, head of comedy and drama development at Fox Television. Just precisely what that means, however, depends on who's doing the interpreting.

"As someone who grew up working class, it was hard to see anything like an accurate reflection of life as I knew it in those shows."

Looking back to the Dirty Thirties, some execs are planning on filling the airwaves with escapist entertainment, or trying to spin their current roster of underperforming shows as killer apps for that turn in the zeitgeist. Kim Rozenfeld, senior VP of dramas at ABC, thinks that Dirty Sexy Money will be the place folks will go at the end of a long day in the breadlines. "I don't think you'd find the Darlings suddenly brought to their knees financially because of the turn in the economic climate," he told the Post. "Dirty Sexy Money is a soap at heart, an escapist show. They are so fabulously wealthy that this is sort of like a hangnail to them."

Fox's Salke thinks it'll be blue collar stories like The Millionaire's Club from Shawn Ryan, creator of The Shield, about "a group of working-class people who get together and pool their cash" to try and turn those blue collars white, one presumes. She also cited something called Two-Dollar Beer starring comic Mike Binder, which will be part of a return to what Salke calls "the Roseanne paradigm."

The problem is that TV's approach to working class life is usually as much a caricature as their soap opera portraits of the rich – think of Roseanne in its last few seasons, or All In The Family for the whole of its run. As someone who grew up working class, it was hard to see anything like an accurate reflection of life as I knew it in those shows; TV has always been most comfortable with the middle class, the incubator of its creative class and the target of its marketing energies.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

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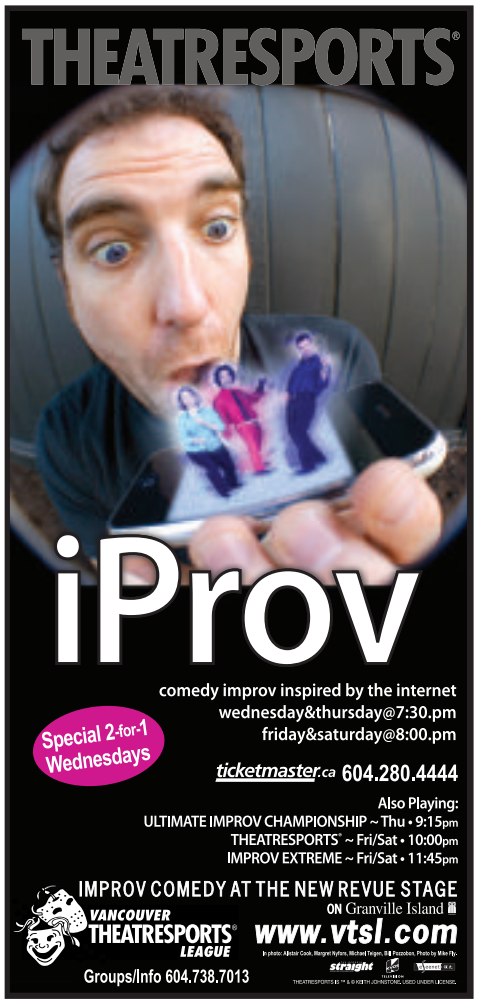

Griffin files complaint to stop neighbour's construction

Life On the D-List star Kathy Griffin has taken action against a neighbour for allegedly violating her property by building a new wall. Griffin has filed a complaint with Los Angeles' building and safety department to halt any further construction. IMDB.COM

Television

Writer's Guild blacklists Ozzy

The Writers Guild of America warned its members yesterday not to work on Ozzy Osbourne's new comedy-variety show at Fox.

The union says the show's producer, FremantleMedia North America, offered a "sub-standard contract" to work on "half-scripted" shows, which would greatly reduce their writing fees.

The writing on the show, with the working title of The Osbournes: Loud and Dangerous, would traditionally be covered under the guild's basic agreement, the WGA said.

But Fremantle, according to the WGA, wanted to treat other portions of the show as "reality content," which would not be covered. Fremantle indicated it would be responsible for writing that part of the show. The WGA refused.

"Now it is clear that Fremantle's intention is to bring their low-cost, nonunion business model into traditional genres — first game shows, then comedy-variety," the WGA said in a letter to members, warning the "aggressive undermining of our contract" threatened to encroach on all writers.

Fremantle's David Shall, general counsel and executive VP of business operations, accused the WGA of waging a campaign of "defamation and negative propaganda." He says the WGA was contacted in good faith by Fremantle with the hopes of hiring WGA writers for the "non-traditional" show that mixes variety with reality TV.

Shall says the WGA broke off talks after "only a few phone conversations" and ordered its membership to not write for the show. The WGA denied that, saying Fremantle ended discussions, and only then did the union notify members. REUTERS

ABC Family picks up 10 Things and Ruby

PILOTS ABC Family has picked up two half-hour pilots — 10 Things I Hate About You, based on the Heath Ledger film, and Ruby and the Rockits, starring David Cassidy and Spy Kids veteran Alexa Vega.

10 Things revolves around two sisters — a strong-willed feminist and a social butterfly — facing the challenges of starting out in a new high school.

The 1999 film, inspired by Shakespeare's The Taming of the Shrew, was directed by Gil Junger, who will shoot the pilot.

Ruby follows a former teen idol whose quiet life is disrupted when his brother and former bandmate shows up with a newfound teenage daughter. Both pilots will go into production this fall in Los Angeles. REUTERS

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	616	522	35 SHO	The Best Years		The Guard "Just Say No"		Cock'd Gunns	Kenny-Spenny	Webdreams	Webdreams	Sin Cities
cable	294	650	47 TBS	MLB Baseball: ALCS Game 1 -- Red Sox at Rays				Inside MLB	Sex and-City	Sex and-City	Pretty Woman ★★★ (1990)	
	603	561	53 FN	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Restaurant Makeover (CC)		Challenge Sandwiches. (CC)		Chef Abroad	The Wild Chef	Diner, Drive-In
	320	621	60 CEN	Sanctuary (N) (CC)		The Diving Bell and the Butterfly ★★★★ (2007) (CC)				(9:50) Next ★★ (2007) Nicolas Cage. (CC)		
	581	566	101 MTV	The Hills	The Hills	After	Cribs (CC)	Making the Band 4 (CC)		The Hills	The Hills	Made (CC)

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SATURDAY

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3 CBC	NHL Hockey Vancouver Canucks at Calgary Flames. (Live) (CC)					HNIC -- After Hours		News (CC)	MLS Soccer
	255	358	6 JOY	E News	The Soup	Behind	Scenes	Dr. 90210 Adult film star.		Celebrity Divorces		E News
	250	321	9 CTV	W-FIVE (CC)		Playing House (2006) Colin Ferguson, Joanne Kelly. (CC)				Law & Order: SVU		News (N)
	252	336	11 GTV	Disasters of the Century		The Road to Passchendaele		Turning Points of History		Kenny-Spenny	Trailer Park	News (N)
	256	389	12 VI	New Canoe	Island Week	The Road to Avonlea		Kool Countdown (CC)		Comedy Now	Comedy Inc.	Bravo! Fact
	253	359	13 CITY	Survivorman (CC)		Role	Kaya (CC)	These Girls ★★ (2005) Caroline Dhavernas. (CC) (DVS)				Role
	-	-	14 CW	CSI: NY "Officer Blue" (CC)		Boston Legal (CC)		Boston Legal (CC)		CSI: NY "Night, Mother"		CSI: Miami
	289	381	15 CBS	College Football		KIRO News Special (N) (CC)		Cradle of Mankind: Ethiopia		7 Profiles		News (N)
	287	379	16 NBC	Backroads	Inside Edition	Celebrity Catwalk Challenge		Knight Rider (N) (CC)		Law & Order: SVU		News (N)
	288	380	21 ABC	NASCAR Racing: Sprint Cup			Whacked Out	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy!	Monk (CC)		KOMO 4 News
	290	382	23 FOX	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Cops (N) (PA)	Cops (CC)	America's Most Wanted		News (N)	Scrubs (CC)	MADtv (CC)
news	502	390	23 NW	Royal Rivals? Charles, William		Sat. Report	Weekend	Sat. Report	Behind Ballot	Royal Rivals? Charles, William		Sat. Report
	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		CNN Saturday Night		
sports	407	419	22 RSP	MLB Baseball: ALCS		Sportsnet Connected		The Ultimate Fighter		Sportsnet Connected		Poker
	400	400	30 TSN	NASCAR Racing: Sprint Cup			SportsCentre	F1 Pre-Race	Formula One Racing Japanese Grand Prix. (Live) (CC)			
family	552	543	25 YTV	Wolverine	Transformers	Naruto (CC)	Blue Dragon	Zatch Bell (N)	Bleach (CC)	Storm Hawks	Dark Oracle	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	50 TEL	George	Bugs Bunny & Tweety Show		6teen "2-4-1"	Total Drama	Futurama	Superman ★★★ (1978) Christopher Reeve.		
variety	268	354	5 KNO	National Geographic Specials		Heartbeat "Laying the Ghost"		Midsomer Murders Probing the murder of an undertaker. (N)				Montreal Jazz
	575	583	20 CMT	Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	Grand Ole Opry Live		Gone Country		Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	Coyote Ugly
	615	520	31 A&E	The Sopranos "Moe 'n' Joe"		The Sopranos "Cold Stones"		CSI: Miami "Deviant" (CC)		CSI: Miami "Collision" (CC)		The Sopranos
	521	560	34 TLC	Trading Spaces (N)		Flip House	Designed	Property Ladder (CC)		Trading Spaces		Fashioning
	616	522	35 SHO	About a Girl	Kink in Hair	Storm Cell (2008, Drama) Mimi Rogers, Elyse Levesque. (CC)				War of the Worlds ★★★ (2005) Tom Cruise.		
cable	294	650	47 TBS	MLB Baseball: ALCS			Inside MLB	Dumb & Dumber ★★ (1994) Jim Carrey, Jeff Daniels. (CC)				Ace Ventura
	603	561	53 FN	Kitchen Nightmares (CC)		The F Word		Paula's Thanksgiving		Dinner: Impossible (CC)		Nightmares
	320	621	60 CEN	(6:00) The Golden Compass		The Golden Compass ★★ (2007) Nicole Kidman. (CC)				Facing the Giants ★★ (2006) Alex Kendrick.		
	581	566	101 MTV	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	MTV Live	MTV News	After

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SUNDAY

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3 CBC	Heartland "Letting Go" (N)		Booky Makes Her Mark (2006, Drama) Tatiana Maslany. (CC)				CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		News (CC)
	255	358	6 JOY	Instant Beauty Pageant (CC)		Extreme Makeover: Home		Tales of Hollywood Moms		Real Housewives of OC		News (N)
	250	321	9 CTV	Star Wars Clo.	Degrassi	The Amazing Race 13 (N)		Desperate Housewives (N)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		News (N)
	252	336	11 GTV	renegade	King of Hill	Futurama: Bender's Big Score (2007) Voices of Billy West.				Brothers & Sisters (N) (CC)		News (N)
	256	389	12 VI	Funniest Home Videos		Cold Case (CC)		Cold Case (N) (CC)		Mad Men "The Jet Set" (CC)		New Canoe
	253	359	13 CITY	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Valentine "Daddy's Home" (N)		Easy Money "Sub-Prime" (N)		Voice of Courage		Role
	-	-	14 CW	In Harm's Way (N) (CC)		Valentine "Daddy's Home" (N)		Easy Money "Sub-Prime" (N)		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cold Case
	289	381	15 CBS	60 Minutes (N) (CC)		The Amazing Race 13 (N)		Cold Case (N) (CC)		The Unit "Sex Trade" (N)		News (N)
	287	379	16 NBC	NFL Football: Patriots at Chargers			M. Holmgren	Dateline NBC (CC)		Law & Order: SVU		News (N)
	288	380	21 ABC	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives (N)		(:01) Brothers & Sisters (N)		KOMO 4 News
	290	382	23 FOX	MLB Baseball: NLCS		Cops (CC)	The Simpsons	Family Guy	Family Guy	News (N)	Q It Up Sports	House (CC)
news	502	390	23 NW	Snowdon and Margaret (N)		Wal-Mart Nation (CC)		CBC News: Sunday Night		Snowdon and Margaret (CC)		Wal-Mart Natn
	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Investigations
sports	407	419	22 RSP	MLB Baseball: NLCS			Sportsnet	Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet Connected		Ult. Fighter
	400	400	30 TSN	NFL Football: Patriots at Chargers			SportsCentre (Live) (CC)		Motoring 2008	NASCAR Now (N) (CC)		SportsCentre
family	552	543	25 YTV	Adventures of Sharkboy		Prank Patrol	(:45) The Next Star "Finale" (CC)			Falcon Beach "Tidal" (CC)		Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	50 TEL	George	Fraggle Rock	The Raccoons	6teen	Total Drama	Futurama	Batman ★★ (1966, Action) Adam West. (CC)		
variety	268	354	5 KNO	National Geographic Bison.		The Impressionists (CC)		New Tricks "Final Curtain" (N)		Dalziel & Pascoe: Clubbable		Montreal Jazz
	575	583	20 CMT	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Jessica	Kellie Pickler	The Babe ★★ (1992) John Goodman, Kelly McGillis.				Home Imp.
	615	520	31 A&E	CSI: Miami (CC)		The Cleaner (CC)		CSI: Miami "Payback" (CC)		CSI: Miami "Raising Caine"		CSI: Miami
	521	560	34 TLC	Little People	Little People	Little People	Little People	Little People	Little People	Little People	Little People	Little People
	616	522	35 SHO	The Guard "Just Say No"		Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde (2008) Dougray Scott, Krista Bridges.				Weeds (CC)	Rescue Me	Kenny-Spenny
cable	294	650	47 TBS	(6:45) Head of State ★★ (2003) Chris Rock.				Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo ★ (2005)		(:15) Encino Man ★★ (1992) Sean Astin. (CC)		
	603	561	53 FN	Jamie's Kitchen Australia		Chef School	At the Table	Challenge Thanksgiving feast.		Iron Chef America (CC)		Jamie
	320	621	60 CEN	Life & Times	Entourage (N)	True Blood "Cold Ground" (N)		Dexter (N) (CC)		I Am an Animal (CC)		Spider-Man 3
	581	566	101 MTV	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	After	MTV News	MTV Shuffle (CC)		Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	MTV Shuffle

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Metro's 7th Heaven: What's hot right now

1 Katy Perry doll

Katy Perry is entering the toy world. The singer has collaborated with fashion designer Jason Wu, creative director for Integrity's high-end fashion doll lines, to create a 12 inch-tall version of her, which will be sold worldwide as a limited edition.

2 Chunky stilettos

Stilettos are back with a chunky twist, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The platform stiletto combines a hidden platform in the front part of the shoe with a skyscraper stiletto heel. Stilettos are sleek, elegant and sexy.

3 That's It — That's All

That's It – That's All, the biggest high-definition snowboarding movie of all time, featuring pro boarder Travis Rice, is making a stop in Vancouver today for its world tour at the Vogue Theatre at 918 Granville St. Tickets are free, so arrive early to grab a seat. Doors open at 8 p.m. for the 9 p.m. showing.
For more information visit: thatsit-thatsall.com.

4 Extraordinary Canadians: Lester B. Pearson, by Andrew Cohen

Canada's election shenanigans got you down? Sit back, put your feet up and travel back to a time when Canada's leaders had vision, courage — and personality! Metro Canada columnist Andrew Cohen's book on Lester B. Pearson — part of Penguin Canada's Extraordinary Canadians Series — is the place to start. Here was a politician who for his diplomatic work as external affairs minister won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1957, for no less — in the words of the selection committee — than having "saved the world."

5 High School Musical

Director Kenny Ortega wants to make a fourth High School Musical movie, femalefirst.co.uk reports. Ortega, who helmed the first three films in the Walt Disney franchise, reportedly feels there is still the potential for another film, which will focus entirely on newcomer Jemma McKenzie-Brown.

6 Corner Gas: Season 5

Corner Gas: Season 5, starring Brent Butt, Gabrielle Miller and Eric Peterson, is now available on DVD on three discs. It's been the top-selling DVD on Amazon.ca.

7 Coldplay deluxe package

Coldplay's Viva La Vida — Prospekt's March edition will be released in North America on Nov. 25. The two-disc deluxe package includes Viva La Vida, the band's fourth full-length album, plus a brand new EP entitled Prospekt's March. The EP will also be for sale separately in CD and 12" vinyl configurations.

... and what's not

Barton pans Posh

Actress Mischa Barton has panned former Posh Spice Victoria Beckham's fashion sense. "Posh doesn't strike me as particularly stylish. I don't think she's a good example of British style at all." This from someone whose own fashion choices have raised a few eyebrows online (gofugyourself.celebuzz.com, bumpshack.com).

Red and White and All that Sparkles
The 3rd annual Wine on the Mountain fundraiser for the Adoptive Families Association of BC takes place Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. at the top of Grouse Mountain. Enjoy food with wine from Germany, B.C., and more. Tickets $150. E-mail events@bcadoption.com. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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It's not every day that you are offered musk ox tandoori, and it's really too bad. I have to thank reader Eva for pointing me towards this three-month-old downtown gem. Salam Bombay puts the hospitality of many restaurants to shame and gives those same kitchens a run for their Mattar.

We started with the lentil spinach soup ($6) at the recommendation of our server, Chikoo (pronounced "chico"). Creamy, thick strained lentils were well-laced with spinach and sundry herbs. Sockeye salmon samosas ($9) — try saying that five times fast — were perfect, phyllo-wrapped wonders, fresh and moist. We then moved on to musk ox tandoori ($12), which Chikoo served to us table-side. After marinating for almost two days, it's no wonder the meat was perfectly tender and not at all gamey, with demure garlic and ginger hints.

A halibut masala main ($26) came wrapped in banana leaf and was tender, flaky and as aromatic as the fresh strawberries and mint leaves in the side salad. All mains also come with cumin rice and naan. We ordered some raita (a savoury seasoned yogurt) for dipping ($3) and Chikoo brought us extra naan on the house when we ate all of ours. Salam, indeed.

On the web

- Read the full article online at *metronews.ca/Vancouver/comment*.
- Chew more on Anya's blog at *metronews.typepad.com/urbanfoodie*.

Do you see the Purple Angels?

At a recent winemakers' dinner at Saltaire, the wines of Aurelio Montes of Montes Winery (Chile) were paired with local B.C. fare to great effect. The Purple Angel 2005 is a blend of Carmenère (92 per cent) and Petit Verdot (8 per cent). Aged 18 months in new French oak (smaller barrels), this purple-coloured wine offers a strong nose of toasted blueberries and green olives, with mocha and tobacco on the palate and a nice finish. Good for cellaring until 2020. BCLS $53.95.

Dining out

CHEF'S TABLE Provence Marinaside presents a five-course chef's table wine dinner, served en famille, featuring Paul Jaboulet Aîné wines on Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker Nicholas Jaboulet. Enjoy daube du bison and rosewater poached pear. $100 per person. Call 604-681-4144.

COOKBOOK LAUNCH West Restaurant will host a special luncheon in honour of the launch of its new cookbook on Oct. 26 at 1 p.m. Canapé reception and five-course meal with wine pairings featuring recipes from West: The Cookbook. $150 per person; includes the book. Call 604-738-8938.

In brief

IT'S ALMOST a year late, but not a penny short ... Loden Hotel and its restaurant Voya, will be open in the next 10 days; stay tuned for my review.

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Lopez denies nervous breakdown

A spokesperson for singer/actress Jennifer Lopez has denied reports the star suffered a nervous breakdown in 2002. "As long as we have represented Jennifer, we have never heard her refer to having a breakdown of any sort," the spokesperson said. IMDB.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Kellie opens up about depression

PEOPLE Last year, Kellie Pickler battled depression and suffered reactions to anti-depressant pills after struggling with family problems and a breakup from her boyfriend, hockey player Jordin Tootoo, People.com reports.

"In my personal life, I was just crumbling," the singer says.

Anti-depressants made her "crazy," she says, and the side effects forced her to quit the pills.

At the same time, she watched her father — a convicted felon who had been released from prison soon after her stint on American Idol — return to jail, while her mother, who abandoned her at age 2, unexpectedly re-emerged.

Her friendships with singers Taylor Swift and Carrie Underwood, along with a new love, songwriter Kyle Jacobs, and writing songs helped her find balance again.

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Police to question Butler about assault

LEGAL Gerard Butler is at the centre of a Los Angeles police criminal investigation after allegedly assaulting a photographer, imdb.com reports.

Butler was driven off in a waiting limousine after leaving an L.A. bar at 2 a.m. on Tuesday when a waiting photographer began to follow the actor's vehicle in his own car.

According to TMZ.com, Butler ordered his limousine to stop before climbing out and asking the photographer why he was being followed.

When the man responded, "Hey, that's my job," Butler allegedly reached in the car, grabbed the photographer's throat and punched him with a closed fist.

According to reports, the paparazzo had to be treated in hospital for his injuries, which were stitched up before he went to file a police report for the incident.

Officials at the Los Angeles Police Department have confirmed they are looking into the case and plan on interviewing the actor.

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Jamie Lynn plans to pursue biz degree

EDUCATION Jamie Lynn Spears is planning to go to university to study for a business degree, as soon as her baby daughter is old enough to be left with a nanny, imdb.com reports.

The actress, sister of pop star Britney, isn't content to remain a stay-at-home mom to four-month-old Maddie.

Seventeen-year-old Jamie Lynn is itching to finish her education, and will leave the tot with her mother Lynne so she can go to college.

"I want to get my business degree," she tells Ok! magazine. "I could take online courses right now, but with Maddie being so young, it's hard to sit down and focus. I'm going to wait until she's a little bit older, and she can stay with my mama while I go to classes. I do want to go to college and get a degree."

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Group lauds Avril's work

KUDOS Avril Lavigne has been lauded for her charity work in China, female-first.co.uk reports.

The pop star's recent tour, which wrapped in Beijing, China, recently, has been raising money to help the poor and children with disabilities. Members of the China Association of Social Workers have presented Lavigne with a certificate of honour in recognition of her efforts.

During her tour of the country, Lavigne has also been taking time out to visit kids in the Sichuan province, which was ravaged by earthquakes earlier this year, to present them with gifts.

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Stalking suspect faces trial

DENIALS A woman accused of stalking actor John Cusack will stand trial after a plea deal fell through, imdb.com reports.

Diane Leatherman, 33, was arrested outside Cuscack's California home in March and charged with one felony count of stalking.

Leatherman was set to accept a deal with a Los Angeles court which would have seen her avoid prison, but it collapsed after she accused her attorney, Brent Merritt, of using scare tactics to get her to agree to the deal.

Merritt has denied the allegation.

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celebrity briefs

Shot at Botox irks Courteney

BEAUTY Actress Courteney Cox may not be trying Botox again soon, imdb.com reports.

"I went to this doctor once, and he was like, 'Oh, let me do it just here and here and here.' And I was miserable. I mean, I'm an actor, I've got to be able to move my face ... It's not that I haven't tried Botox — but I hated it," she says.

Sixx inspired by girlfriend Kat

RELATIONSHIPS Motley Crue bassist Nikki Sixx says his girlfriend of about eight months, L.A. Ink star Kat Von D, keeps him inspired, People.com reports.

"She's so into art," says Sixx. "I learn from her all the time and we just keep getting closer."

Ben bans trendy names

CHARITY Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner will chose a traditional name for their unborn child, because the actor dislikes "trendy" baby names in Hollywood, imdb.com reports.

The couple is expecting their second child later this year.

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"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

Courteney Cox has revealed to Marie Claire magazine that she's no fan of Botox, because it would destroy her ability to act. Phew! Big sigh of relief from yours truly. Rejoice with me that we're not going to be robbed of the thespian talents of Courteney Cox in the foreseeable future.

You have to love it when a celebrity makes a breathless admission that attempts to position her as a person not entirely morally compromised by living in the cesspool of venality that is Hollywood. Saying, "I won't use Botox" is right up there with, "If I have one fault, it might be that I care about people too much," or, "The friends I grew up with keep me grounded." You can be sure that when you read these statements, the speaker is probably laughing and thinking, "I'm such a good actor!"

However, I won't dispute that Cox is telling the truth when she says she doesn't use Botox. Botox is as passé as detox these days. The elite have moved on to something else. **Nicole Kidman** has fewer lines on her face than her newborn daughter, and my sources tell me that a top-secret injected serum made up of dolphin tears, called Flippox, is responsible.

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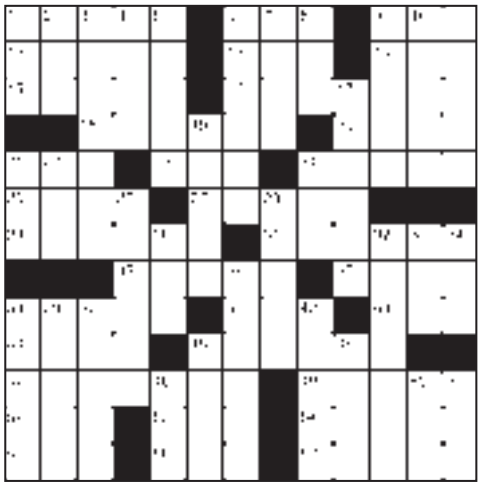

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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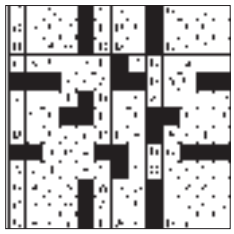
Crossword across

1 Passport endorsements
6 Scepter
9 Hot tub
12 Hibernian
13 Mamie's man
14 Third degree?
15 TV, radio, etc.
16 HOV lane group
18 Unsophisticated
20 Unrivaled
21 Joan of —
23 Luau side dish
24 Uproar
25 Just one of those things?
27 Kingdom
29 9 Lives spokescat
31 Passed on the track
35 In accompaniment
37 Sans accompaniment
38 Orange variety
41 "— the ramparts ..."
43 Frequently
44 Hindu princess
45 Northern
47 Low-tech teleprompter?
49 Clintons' cat
52 Columnist Landers
53 Wire measure
54 Alaskan tribe
55 Perched
56 "Ulalume" writer
57 Destitute

Crossword down

1 Get-up-and-go
2 Incense
3 Motorcycle attachment
4 Largest of the seven
5 Acute
6 Nicole of "The Simple Life"
7 Suitable
8 Aachen article
9 Animal track
10 Record player, for short
11 Freud associate
17 Fattens
19 Trunk
21 $ dispenser
22 Pi follower
24 Peninsula st.
26 Catastrophic
28 Rags-to-riches writer
30 — -de-France
32 Prop for Minnesota Fats
33 Sprite
34 "E" in Morse code
36 Piece of pasta
38 Killer whales
39 Hot spot in 9-Across
40 Concerning
42 Gum or epoxy
45 Vivacity, musically
46 Highly rated
48 Rock band's accessory
50 Tease
51 Pigs' digs

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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Recipe of the day

Chicken breasts with peaches and ginger

INGREDIENTS:
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1 lb (500 g) boneless skinless chicken breas halves, trimmed
¼ tsp (1 mL) salt
Freshly ground black pepper
2 tsp (10 mL) canola oil
3 tbsp (45 mL) apple cider vinegar
2 tbsp (25 mL) sugar
½ cup (125 mL) no-sugar-added peach juice or apple juice
2 tbsp (25 mL) grated fresh ginger
1 ¼ cup (300 mL) reduced-sodium chicken broth
1 large peach, peeled and sliced (1/2-in/1-cm wedges)
2 tsp (10 mL) cornstarch
2 tsp (10 mL) water

METHOD:
1. Chop scallions, reserving all white portions and ¼ cup (50 mL) greens separately.
2. If chicken piece are large, cut in half lengthwise so that you have at least 4 pieces. Place chicken between 2 pieces of plastc wrap and pound into ½-in (1-cm) thickness with rolling pin or mallet. Season with salt and pepper.
3. Heat oil in large skillet over medium-high heat. Add chicken and brown, 3 to 3 ½ minutes per side. Transfer to plate.
4. Add vinegar and sugar to skillet. Stir to dissolve sugar. Cook, swirling skillet, until syrup turns dark amber. Add scallion whites, peach juice and ginger. Bring to boil, stirring to scrape up caramelized bits. Cook for 1 minute. Add broth and peaches. Return to boil. Cook, turning peaches, until tender. Mix cornstarch and water. Add to sauce. Cook, stirring, until slightly thickened. Reduce heat to low. Return chicken and accumulated juices to skillet. Simmer gently until chicken is heated through, abut 1 minute. Garnish with reserved scallion greens.

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A worker presents serious challenges. There'll be some strange developments. Some days are just too weird to be true.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Learn something new after lunch. Loneliness is dispelled by an amusing friend. It's not possible to do everything by yourself.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You'll be reminded of your importance to others. Someone gives you an important business tip. A warning won't make you change your mind.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You can bring out the best in a friend. Stop paying attention to gossip at work. An adversary decides to drop in on you without warning.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Contact with a girlfriend gives some relief. New clothes become the focus of a domestic drama. It's not wise to complain of the management's direction.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Make a fresh start by standing your ground. Trouble with money unsettles a woman. Brace yourself if you want to be comforting.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Comings and goings will disturb an arrogant person. You'll get a better understanding of an apology. A crazy female makes promises that won't be kept.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
A rushed woman can't tell you what to do. An important document needs adjustment. Be true to yourself.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Say yes to a difficult request. Help someone to be calm when alarmed. A man's misunderstood signals will create uncertainty.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Provide support for someone even if you're busy. An undertaking will be surprising and fun. A control freak is secretive about misbehaving.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
A serious guy makes you giddy with joy. Things change for the better in the neighbourhood. A new love affair is set to begin soon.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Being unselfish might help a cheater to escape retaliation. A tough guy has gotten lost and wants you to help. A busybody won't hear you refuse.

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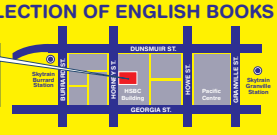

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